

Marine Fisheries

Shellfish License for North Carolina Residents Without a Standard Commercial Fishing License (SCFL)

What Activities Require This Permit? The Shellfish License for North Carolina residents without a Standard Commercial Fishing License (SCFL) allows the commercial harvest and sale of shellfish, such as clams, oysters, mussels, conchs, whelks, and scallops. The shellfish license holder does not need a SCFL or Retired Standard Commercial Fishing License (RSCFL) to harvest and sell commercial quantities of shellfish.

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? To license and identify North Carolina resident commercial fishermen who wish to harvest commercial quantities of shellfish.

Who Issues This Permit? N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), License and Statistics Section.

How Much Will This Permit Cost? \$50 for residents; nonresidents are not eligible for this license.

Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit? Contact any N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries license office. Visit the following link for license sales locations: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmf-offices>.

How Long Will It Take To Review My Application? No review required for this license. Any North Carolina resident may obtain this license.

Where Do I Submit My Application? Any N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries License Office. Visit the following link for license sales contact information: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/dmf-offices>.

How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid? All licenses are valid for up to one year and expire on June 30.

Notes/Comments: This license is non-transferable. A Commercial Fishing Vessel Registration (CFVR) is required for vessels used to harvest shellfish for commercial purposes.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: General Statute 113-169.2, North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission Rules 15A NCAC 30.0101.

Link: <http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/marine-fisheries>

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